

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 8-10, 12-19 and 22-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 20 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

§ 112 Rejections

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16 and 29 is respectfully requested in view of the amendments thereto set forth above.

§ 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 3-12, 15-26 and 29-36 under 35 USC § 103(a) over Kashiwase et al. (JP 11278121) ("Kashiwase") in view of Denton (USP 6,710,249). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Kashiwase and Denton do not support the rejection for at least the reason that they do not disclose or suggest the high voltage wire includes a restricted portion which is secured to the securing unit whereby movement thereof is restricted, and a non-restricted portion which is not secured to the securing unit so that movement thereof is not restricted; and the high voltage wire is routed such that the restricted portion thereof is positioned closer to the engine and transmission side, and the non-restricted portion thereof is positioned closer to the inverter side, the inverter being fixed to a vehicle body as recited in independent claims 15, 16 and 17.

The Office Action cites the "wire separator" of Denton in particular. However, Kashiwase and Denton only suggest that a high voltage wire could be bundled by the wire separator. Any suggestion of, for example, a securing unit as claimed is completely absent from the combination of Kashiwase and Denton.

Independent claims 15, 16 and 17 are therefore allowable, as are the dependent claims for at least the foregoing reasons. Withdrawal of the rejection is accordingly requested.

Claim objections

Claims 13, 14, 27, 28, 37 and 38 were objected to. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully in view of the allowability of the claims as discussed above.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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